

**STEERING COMMITTEE OF PAN FLU ETHICS TASK FORCE**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**  
**SC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION**

Dr. Ball chaired the meeting and started by saying that our goal is to get continuity of language for all sections and present a complete first draft to the membership by the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Instead of separate public health and clinical guidelines, have a general heading of "public health" and let sections come under that - triage, isolation and quarantine, allocation of antivirals, workforce continuity, etc. He then asked Matt and Steve whether they can develop a section that addresses limited liability for providers? After much discussion, Steve volunteered to try to draft language and bring back to the Steering Committee. Matt is reluctant to put any legal recommendations in the white paper. Matt also explained that he has initiated educating DHEC's Commissioner on this issue. By signing off on this white paper, Commissioner Hunter will grant limited liability for the entire health care system in South Carolina. Any physician acting outside any guidelines will not receive any liability so it is necessary for physicians to embrace any language put in the guidelines.

Steve suggested sending the paper to as many organizations as possible to obtain endorsement. Some mentioned were:

- Through SCHA: Hospitals - chief of staff, infectious disease coordinators, pulmonologists
- Speciality societies
- Utilize publications
- SC Medical Association

***Action Items:***

- Dr. Ball will take the draft paper next month to as many providers as possible
- Steve and Matt will draft legal section and bring to the March meeting

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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